

Voces de la Frontera: “Sylville Smith’s life matters”

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin – On Wednesday, yet another police officer was [acquitted](#) after killing a Black man, this time in Milwaukee. Voces de la Frontera issued the following statement:

“We are heartbroken and angry that the criminal justice system has again failed to hold a police officer accountable for killing a Black man,” said Christine Neumann-Ortiz, Executive Director of Voces de la Frontera. “Sylville Smith’s life matters. He was murdered by the same legal system that racially profiles Latinxs, separates immigrant families through deportation, and labels millions of people of color as criminals. He was murdered by the same economic system that outsources jobs from good paying factories, defunds public schools and healthcare, and evicts and forecloses on Black, Brown, and working class families. We especially urge Milwaukee non-Black Latinx and immigrant community members to protest this verdict. We cannot demand justice for Latinx and immigrant families without demanding justice for Black families separated by the police killings of loved ones.”